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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1918.

PRICE ONE CENT.

TURNING OUT ALEXANDRIA'S FIRST AEROPLANES

Briggs Aeroplane Company of This City has just Completed the First One at its Factory Here—Taken to the Hangar near the Potomac River Yesterday Afternoon—Work being Pushed Rapidly on Other Machines.

The manufacture of aeroplanes in the city of Alexandria has become a reality. The first one built here was turned out yesterday by the Briggs Aeroplane Company from its plant at the corner of St. Asaph and Oronoco streets. It was taken yesterday afternoon to the hangar just erected near the Potomac river and will be given tests in the near future.

It is a hydro-aeroplane and judging from its appearance the machine is of excellent construction and a great credit to the company which has some of the most expert workmen in its employ that are to be found in the country. The big plane attracted much attention as it was being through the streets of the city to the hangar near the river.

The tests of the big plane will be made by Mr. Leonard Bonney, an experienced aviator, who will fly the machine in its trial trips.

Much interest is manifested by the citizens generally who are anxious to see Alexandria's first flying machine in the air. It is expected the first flights will be made within a very few days, as soon as the finishing touches have been made.

TAKE FIFTY-ONE PINTS NOTES OF THE RED CROSS

Negro Man and Woman Relieved of Satchels and Package After Reaching This City Last Night.

During the past four weeks fifteen persons were arrested and sent on to the grand jury by the Police Court for violating the prohibition law. A special grand jury met yesterday and returned true bills against all. The regular grand jury term will be held in June, but during the past few months it has been necessary to summon special juries in order to relieve the docket of whisky cases. Six or eight hours after the grand jury made their report the police had a negro man and woman under arrest for transporting liquor into the State, and ere another month elapses there is reason to believe there will be enough of such offenders in jail to necessitate the summoning of another grand jury for the April term of the court.

Early last night the Police Department received a telephone message from Washington to look out for a negro man and woman who were described, who had boarded an electric train for this city, it being alleged that they carried two large satchels and a large paper box, believed to contain liquor. Sergeant Roberts and Officer Power proceeded to Spring Park and boarded the incoming train. They found the objects of their search in the trailer, and the sergeant stationed himself at one door and Officer Power at the other to prevent the suspects from leaving the train. The couple remained aboard until the train stopped at Prince and Royal streets. They made no attempt to leave the car, and allowed all the other passengers to vacate before they attempted to move. At this juncture the officers approached the man and woman, whose pedal extremities were stretched over two satchels and a large pasteboard box. They were taken in custody and their baggage confiscated, and in the latter fifty-one pint bottles of whiskey were found.

They gave their names as Clarence Green and Bettie Mason. The couple were brought before the Police Court this morning, when they denied being the owners of the liquor. The officers testified that the woman had long been in the "bootlegging" business. Green lives on Henry street, but he made no movement to leave the train at that thoroughfare, remaining aboard to the end of the route. They were both held for the action of the grand jury.

Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of Emma E. McCuen, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt settlement with me, and all persons to whom said estate is indebted are requested to present their accounts properly certified for payment.

EDGAR CARPENTER,
Administrator.
63-10t

Knights Templar, Attention!

The most important convocation of the year will be held Friday night, March 15, at 7:30, and you are ordered to be there in full Templar uniform. Order of the Temple will be conferred on several candidates.

62-3t Chas E. Outcalt, Com.
Plant a Victory Garden this Spring.

Some of the Things Which the Housekeepers of Alexandria May Do for the Local Organization.

As housecleaning time approaches each housekeeper is asked to search through her stores to see if she is not hoarding some articles which might now be utilized by the Red Cross.

A great many women have stored away in their attics odd scraps of wool of various colors and weights, which is not satisfactory for socks, sweaters or other soldiers' knitted articles. Old sweaters or other knitted or crocheted garments can be utilized also. The school children will unravel the wool, and after washing, will knit it into new garments.

The Red Cross asks that everybody send their odd bits and old woolen garments to the Red Cross rooms. When a sufficient quantity is collected it will be dyed black, navy blue or dark grey and knitted or crocheted into shawls for the Belgian refugee women.

Old kid gloves are needed still as well as chamois, discarded leather furniture covering, or any soft waste leather. These pieces are being collected to use in making waistcoats for the soldiers at the front, to furnish warmth without the use of wool, which is rapidly becoming scarcer.

These scraps of kid or leather are stitched down upon a cotton or linenette foundation and backed with khaki brown silesia, or any inexpensive material.

Another need is for pieces of new carpeting for making bandaged foot socks. Three quarters of a yard of carpeting will cut one sock. These socks are put on the feet of wounded men by the stretcher-bearers in the field.

Partially worn underwear of adult size may be made over into smaller garments for refugee children also.

Look through your attic boxes and if any of these articles are found which can be spared, do a good deed for some one "over there" by sending them to the Alexandria Red Cross.

How Your Quarters will Help Win the War.

If you have an idea that your quarters won't help win the war and do lots of service when invested in War Savings and Thrift Stamps, just look over this table. The "little bonds" are translated into terms of soldiers' equipment. Here's how they stack up:

1 Thrift Stamp—Five bullets.
1 War Savings Stamp—One pair of shoes.
1 War Savings Stamp—Two woolen shirts.
1 War Savings Stamp—Four winter undershirts.
1 War Savings Stamp—One steel helmet and \$1.14 over.
1 War Savings Stamp—One shelter tent and part payment on overcoat.
Those quarters will do the government lots of good. And remember, you are not giving them away, but lending them at 4.27 per cent interest.

Garden seeds in bulk. Elliott. 62-2t
Plant a Victory Garden this Spring.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Mrs. Jennie Sproule fell and seriously injured herself at her home in this city a few days ago.

Robert Arnold reports having caught a herring in Hunting creek yesterday.

Louis Warner, colored, forfeited \$1 collateral by failing to appear in the Police Court this morning and answer the charge of violating the traffic law.

The funeral of Richard Mason was held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from his late residence, 202 Duke street. The services were conducted by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter, of Grace Episcopal Church.

The annual meeting of the Young Men's Lyceum will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the Lyceum Hall. Officers for the ensuing year will be chosen and the plans of the new war activities committee read.

Every woman in the city who is interested in the welfare of her sex should attend the meeting of the Business Woman's Council, which will be held tonight at 7:30 in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. The needs of the present time in Alexandria are such as to demand immediate attention in order that proper quarters may be found for the business women who are coming here and also for the protection of the young girls who are already in the city. The women of Alexandria are urged to give this matter their earnest thought and not to pass it along by saying that there are others who can take care of the proposition. Every mother ought to be interested and give tonight's meeting the benefit of her presence and co-operation.

BOLSHEVIKISM IN NORFOLK.

Crew of the Russian Steamer Arrested on the Charge of Mutiny.

Norfolk, Va., March 14.—Bolshevism struck Norfolk yesterday in the shape of the crew of the Russian steamship Omsk, and it raged with more or less intensity from 11 o'clock in the morning in and out of Federal offices and back and forth from ship to shore until finally, at a late hour last night, the whole crowd of malcontents, to the number of 49, were taken into custody by a force of 35 Norfolk police, acting under the personal direction of Maj. Ford, and marched from the steamer to police headquarters, where they were locked up.

The charges against the men, which were embraced in warrants sworn out at the request of Collector of the Ports Norman Hamilton, by Victor E. Cartz, attorney for the Russian counsel general at New York, are: "That they did unlawfully act in a mutinous manner, threatening officers and refusing to obey their orders, arm themselves with firearms and other dangerous weapons and engage in other riotous conduct on board the steamship Omsk, shouting Bolsheviki control principles as against organized authority on board the steamship Omsk and threatening to damage said ship, thereby endangering the safety of the harbor and city property."

Prices That Will Help.

Country butter 4 cents per pound.
Best beefsteak 35, ham 33, smoked shoulders 27, pared dried peaches 20 cents per pound. Raisins 13, smoked fish 6 cents each, fish roe 17 cents, three cans for 50. Tuna fish, B. & W. brand 15 cents can. J. E. Purcell, 117 South Henry street, city. 63-3t.

Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of Alvin Davis Fewell, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt settlement with me, and all persons to whom said estate is indebted are requested to present their accounts properly certified for payment.

Robert H. Cox, Administrator.
59-10t.

Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of Mary A. Broders, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt settlement with me, and all persons to whom said estate is indebted are requested to present their accounts properly certified for payment.

Wm. P. Woolls,
107 north Fairfax street, Alex. Va.
55-10t.

The prayer meeting at the Anne Lee Memorial home tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock will be led by Mrs. John Buckley. Strangers in the city, as well as all others, are cordially invited to attend all the prayer meetings held at the home.

The steamer Atlantic, which runs between Alexandria and the plant of the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company, at Giesboro Point, resumed its regular trips again this morning. The vessel has been laying at the Ninth street wharf in Washington for a short time receiving some minor repairs. Captain Jimmy Jones is again in command of the Atlantic, with Engineers Frank Kersey and Will Kersey in charge of the engine room. The steamer will convey workmen daily to the big steel plant who reside in this city.

Four hundred miles through tropical African jungles by automobile over good roads, is the report brought back by Bishop E. S. Johnson from his recent survey of the mission work of the M. E. Church in Africa. Bishop Johnson will be in Alexandria for the spring conference of the M. E. Church, and will speak here tomorrow, Friday, in regard to plans for the centenary celebration of the mission work of his church. Bishop Johnson was a major in the American army at the time of his appointment to be a bishop in Africa. He had acted as chaplain of the 52nd Iowa regiment for 18 years, serving with them through the Spanish-American war in 1898, and also on the Mexican border last year. Before he left to take up his charge in Africa he had been made a major, the highest rank accorded to army chaplains.

LAST OF THE 'REDLIGHT'

Property on North Lee Street Passes Into the Hands of the American Agricultural and Chemical Co.

It was stated a few days ago that the American Agricultural and Chemical Company had acquired several of the houses on Lee street, between Queen and Princess, for the purpose of fitting them up for the housing of their employees. The property sold included the large brick building, for many years an eyesore to the well-disposed, and which for at least three-score years had been the scene of disgraceful orgies.

This property many years ago was known as the Ladd house, it taking its name from the owner, who operated a flour mill (in late years known as the Globe Mills) on the river front between Queen and Princess streets. This building was destroyed by fire in September, 1912.

The Ladd house, after the death of the original owner and the removal of his survivors elsewhere, soon became famous, and was at its zenith when "Clay Hill" flourished in the same section of the city back in the early fifties.

The American Agricultural and Chemical Company has acquired the remaining houses on the square, together with that on the northwest corner of Queen and Lee streets, and several lots on the north and south side of Queen street, between Lee and Fairfax. Old buildings which stand in that locality are to be rebuilt or substantially repaired, while new houses will be constructed upon the vacant lots acquired, for the use of the company's employees.

When these improvements shall have been made what has for so many years been known as Alexandria's "Red Light District" will have become a thing of the past.

Notice.

This is to notify my patrons that I shall be unable to do carpet cleaning and laying the coming spring.

W. A. PRICE.
63-2t

Card of Appreciation.

I take this occasion of expressing my deep appreciation and abiding thanks for the efficient service rendered by neighbors and friends, as well as the soldiers and road men who were in the vicinity on last Sunday morning when fire destroyed my home. I am grateful for the courtesies shown my family and myself.

W. F. P. Reid
Plant a Victory Garden this Spring.

Charles W. Myers, of this city, who enlisted in the aviation corps and was sent to Waco, Texas, was one of 26 out of 200 men who passed the recent examination held there. He had the honor of standing at the head, having the highest percentage of the entire class. He will be stationed at Waco for the present. His brother, Robert Myers, who also enlisted in the corps, has been sent to Ohio.

A large automobile truck belonging to the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation collided with a small truck belonging to Whitestone and Clark, about 4 o'clock this afternoon at the intersection of King and Fairfax streets. The truck of Whitestone and Clarke was somewhat damaged, but no one was injured by the accident. The truck of the shipbuilding company made a turn at the intersection for the purpose of proceeding north, and in doing so struck the smaller truck which was going west. The driver of the large truck was fined five dollars in Police Court.

A window in the store of Monroe & Monroe was broken last night and several cans of vegetables and other articles carried away. Later cries from Fayette alley, near Fairfax street, caused policemen to make an investigation, and they found the missing articles in the alley. Two women and a young man were taken in custody, but they upon facing the Police Court this morning denied any knowledge of the stolen articles. The suspects were released with the understanding that the case would be continued.

Standing by His Guns.

Westmoreland Davis when he was inaugurated announced his purpose to frown upon the multiplication of what he might term useless offices, and he is now facing that issue.

While the Governor has not yet received the workmen's compensation act, there is little question that he has made up his mind to veto that measure when it does reach him, according to the opinion expressed by men who have discussed the matter with his excellency. The legislature disregarded his views as to the commission.

Whatever responsibility there may be for the defeat of the measure will be shared by those interested—the legislature in refusing to heed the admonition of the governor that he would not stand for an increase of the officers of the state and the governor in refusing to approve it.

Captain D. McC. French Dies in Burlingame.

The following article concerning a former resident of Alexandria, taken from a Burlingame (California) newspaper, will be of interest to the readers of The Gazette:

The death of Captain David McComas French, U. S. Coast Guard, occurred early yesterday morning at his home, 16 Middlefield road, this city. Captain French had been very ill for several months prior to his passing and finally succumbed to an acute heart attack. He was born in Alexandria, Va., and was the son of Dr. David French. He had been stationed at various times in all the important ports of the United States besides having been in Washington, D. C., for several years. For the past four years Captain French has been stationed with the 12th Naval District during which time with Mrs. French he has resided in Burlingame. He was retired from active service on March 27, 1917, after forty-three years in the United States service.

Besides his widow Captain French is survived by a son and granddaughter, one brother and three sisters. His son is now in Texas with the military branch of the United States service and will probably shortly leave for France.

The funeral services were held at Cypress Lawn chapel, the Rev. W. A. Brewer, of St. Paul's Church officiated, and a guard of honor was detailed from the United States Naval station in San Francisco to attend the funeral. Captain French was a member of Jackson, Va., Lodge of Masons, and representatives of the local lodge will also attend the funeral. The flags of this city were flung at half mast in honor of the deceased.

Plant a Victory Garden this Spring.

GO "OVER THE TOP" WITH FLYING COLORS IN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CAMPAIGN

Westminster Building was the Scene of Great Rejoicing

Today Noon when the Various Committees Gave in Their Reports of the Morning's Work.—The New Organization now Assured of a Membership of Over Six Hundred—Much Enthusiasm Shown Throughout the City.

Six hundred and seventy-two memberships! The Chamber of Commerce campaign went "over the top" today with a rush and the "boys" did not stop until the six hundred and seventy-two membership mark was reached. There were one hundred and one "good prospects" reported yet to be seen and these will be followed up.

When the total was announced, Mr. B. W. Morse, General Manager of the Shipbuilding Corporation, arose and said that the work should never stop until the eight-hundred mark was reached. He offered to be one of ten to guarantee the number of memberships needed at the close of the campaign to make eight hundred. An underwriting committee was formed from volunteers to make up this guarantee. The following volunteered: B. W. Morse, Carroll Pierce, S. C. Copley, Harry Hammond, R. L. Payne, C. B. Swan, R. S. Jones, E. Abramson, R. E. Knight, V. W. Boswell, J. G. Graham, G. L. Boothe, W. B. Smoot, T. E. Dyson, O. H. Kirk and J. Y. Williams.

Colonel Parks, Commandant at Camp Humphreys, was a guest at the luncheon, and made an important address upon the need of co-operation between the city and Camp Humphreys. A report of this address will be given tomorrow.

The final report for the campaign will be made at a general meeting of the new membership next week.

Greater "Alexandria" boosters were on the job promptly at 9:30 at the Chamber of Commerce and the accumulated enthusiasm of the preceding days was much in evidence. Every one was apparently trying to tell of his experiences in the campaign at the same time, and it was difficult to have order when the meeting was called for business. A number of cards were called off and the committees made requests for them. Sometimes a dozen committees asked for the same card.

The campaign has revealed a very remarkable situation, according to experienced campaigners. There has been comparatively little complaint on the ratings. On the other hand a number have said that the ratings were too low and have volunteered to increase their subscriptions if the ratings were raised. Others have asked to have their subscriptions increased any way. J. M. Duncan, rated at one, took four memberships instead. J. M. Duncan said he would take three instead of his rating of two. H. Kirk & Son voluntarily raised their subscription from four to five members. A typographical error in the Gazette yesterday had the subscription of E. E. Lawler & Company at 22 when it should have been two, which was their rating.

There was little work for the committees when they assembled this morning. There was less than an average of four cards to a committee, so well had the work been done on the first two days of the campaign. The campaign was therefore thrown open to the committees to sign up any one that they desired, except that the rating should not be decreased. Quite a number of memberships was expected from this "free lance" work.

Work will begin at once today to arrange for the adoption of new by-laws and the organization of the bureaus and the members' council. The reorganization will necessitate the election of new officers and directors. All new members will have an opportunity to vote on the new officials.

Memberships taken yesterday are as follows: Alexandria Iron Works, Inc., 4; fourth Brothers, 1; Hinken and Son, 2; F. B. Heward, 1; Jones and Astlyke, 3; Alexandria Laundry, Inc., 2; H. Bader and Sons, 2; H. T. Beach and Brother, 1; William J. Boothe, 1; H. Bryant Sons, 6; T. F. Burroughs Sons, 4; Carl Budwesky, 1; Representative C. Carlin, 4; George B. Carlin, 2; J. Reese Caton, 1; Central Automobile Co., Inc., 2; William S. Connelly, 1; James Constantinople, 1; Daniels & Co., J. J. Haley, mgr., 1; J. A. Diendel, 1; Dr. M. D. Delaney, 1; S. F. Dyson and Brother, 2; Emerson Pump and Valve Co., Inc., 4; B. B. Ezrine, 2; M. Fagel, 1; First National Bank, 20; Kavi Fuchs, 2; R. R. Gillingham, 1; M. B. Harlow, 6; J. Hayman, 2; Leo P. Harlow, 1; Miss Rosa Henley, 1; Her-

Washington and Old Dominion Railway.

To the Stockholders of the Washington and Old Dominion Railway: You are hereby notified that a general annual meeting of the stockholders is called for 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon on Monday, March 18th, 1918, in the office of the Company at Rosslyn, Virginia, for the purpose of electing Directors, and transacting any and all business which might be transacted at any annual meeting.

Colin H. Livingstone, Pres.
A. K. Stratton, Secy.
52-15t.

Fish Day Tomorrow.

Large rock fish, medium rock fish, large white perch, roe shad, buck shad, Potomac herring, oysters and clams. Phone 735, Sanitary Fish Market, at City Market. 63-1t

Geo. E. Price & Co. will have on sale tomorrow at the City Market, shad, Spanish mackerel and white perch. 63-1t

Garden seeds. Three packages for 5 cents. Elliott. 62-2t
Plant a Victory Garden this Spring.

WILL TAKE DUTCH SHIPS.

Holland Has Until Next Monday to Agree to Allied Proposals.

After months of delay and unsuccessful negotiations with the Netherlands, the United States and Great Britain have decided to take over for allied use all Dutch ships in allied ports on March 18, unless the Netherlands government accepts an agreement to that purpose before that time. This move will bring practically a million tons of ships to the aid of the allies at a time when they are sorely needed.

The Netherlands minister, Augustus Phillips, had an engagement with President Wilson today, and it was expected he would present from his government a final appeal that the action be delayed, or at least modified.

The Potomac Fish Company will have on sale tomorrow white perch, yellow herring, rockfish, roe and buck shad, Spanish mackerel, catfish, bass and nice York river oysters. Phone 198. C. H. Zimmerman, Proprietor. 63-1t